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PLANS OF AMERICAN DESTINY PARTY

McWilliams Has Ambitious Program for 1941; Hopes
 Verne Marshall Will Soon Address Mass Meeting

Joseph E. McWilliams, present leader of New York's American Destiny Party and former chief of the Christian Mobilizers, has high hopes for the new year. A thorough reorganization has taken place in his party, the "weaker" elements have been weeded out and a number of promising new strong-arm lads have been recruited. Many fresh projects are under way.

According to McWilliams, even the international situation is working to his advantage; he plans to hitch the Destiny Party's wagon to the star of the appeasement movement in this country. If this strategy meets with success, there will be no stopping him, he says. As part of this program, ADP inner circles have secretly decided to get Verne Marshall, head of the No Foreign War Committee, to address a mass rally of the Destiny Party. McWilliams or one of his lieutenants is soon to extend the invitation to Mr. Marshall.

The acquittal of all the Christian Front plotters has greatly encouraged McWilliams. Bishop and his fellow conspirators, recently released with a not-guilty verdict, have already been in touch with McWilliams and expressed eagerness to work closely with his party. They say they want to forget former differences and petty jealousies. All Coughlinites, they declare, should work together and should rally around the battle cry raised by Father Coughlin after the acquittal of John T. Prout by an United States court-martial proceedings. When news of the verdict reached him, the Royal Oak priest exclaimed: "Long live the Christian Front!"

Political activity of the Party is to be extended in the immediate future. Nuclei are to be created in all New York City boroughs, so that by the time of fall elections there will be a Destiny Party candidate for the City Council from every borough. The Party is looking for a large hall in the Bronx, at which regular mass meetings are to be held. Under consideration are Vasa Temple at 149th Street and Eblings Casino at 156th Street.

A current project is a "Christian Directory," now being distributed in Yorkville by Party members. This directory lists every

"Aryan" business enterprise in the 18th Congressional District, including the various professions, such as doctors and dentists. A similar directory is being compiled for the Bronx. The object is two-fold: to effect a boycott against the "non-Aryans"; and, through various types of pressure, to persuade the businessmen listed to contribute funds for the expansion of the Destiny Party. If anyone refuses to contribute or objects to the listing of his name, McWilliams plans to "picket" that individual, with signs proclaiming, "This man does not want to be known as a Christian."

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SMYTHE URGES U. S. TO EMULATE HITLER

Every week Edward James Smythe, anti-Catholic admirer of Father Coughlin and recent speaker at the KKK-Bund rally in New Jersey (see The Hour for August 24, 1940), writes a column for Publicity, the fascist newspaper published in Wichita, Kansas. The newspaper is edited by one E. J. Garner, but the man behind it is Dr. J. R. Brinkley, of "monkey-gland" notoriety. Mr. Smythe, who has declared der Fuehrer to be the Twentieth Century Messiah, always devotes his column in Publicity to bitter labor-baiting, violent attacks on the Jewish people and general slander against American democracy.

For the December 19 issue of Publicity, Smythe wrote -- in addition to his regular contribution -- a front-page article. The title of this feature was "Hitler's Money System Is Compared With Ours." The author, after quoting at length from Hitler's Mein Kampf, makes this statement:

"Now Mr. and Mrs. America -- Just read the above and give it your full consideration, and I want to learn your reaction. -- Here is Hitler talking. -- Here he places the people before the state, not as the Jews of America are telling you, that he takes away all your liberties -- as a matter of fact he is here taking you, and you, and you out of economic bondage ... Think that over. He outlaws profits made through war ... and that is the only way the world will ever have Peace -- "

Lists Lindbergh and Other "Patriots"

In his column of the same issue, this ardent Hitlerite begins the compilation of his Who's Who of the U. S. Fifth Column:

"Here Are American Patriots: -- That I want every Christian American to always remember -- These fine men and women are signing a re-Declaration of Independence ...: Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, Wichita, Kansas; Rev. Father Charles E. Coughlin, Royal Oak, Michigan; William B. Kullgren, Editor, Beacon Light; Robert Edward Edmondson; Charles B. Hudson; William Dudley Pelley; George Deatherage; Elizabeth Dilling; Ernst Goerner; Walter S. Steele; James True; Harry Jung; Colonel Charles Lindbergh; Congressman Thorkelson; General Van Horn Moseley -- these fine outstanding Americans and many others



have been in the front line trenches for years fighting the battle for all, that we as Christian Americans hold DEAR -- Remember them in your prayers ... Other patriots will be mentioned in future columns."

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CONFIRMATION OF HOURLY REPORT ON JAPANESE PROPAGANDA CARGOES

On November 23, 1940, The Hour reported the extent to which the Japanese were assisting the Nazis in bringing propaganda from the Third Reich into the United States. We revealed that Japanese ships docking in West Coast ports were unloading increasingly large quantities of anti-Semitic and pro-Hitler material.

This disclosure is now corroborated in a report made public on January 5 by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The report states that "tons of Nazi propaganda material" are being brought into this country by Nipponese vessels. Listed are seventeen steamships that during September, October and November, 1940, brought into U. S. ports thousands of pounds of Nazi publications.

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BOSTON FASCISTS PROPOSE END OF BALLOT

The American Guard, a "patriotic" organization in Boston, Massachusetts, is distributing by mail throughout the country a leaflet entitled "Failure Of The Ballot," which advocates Nazifying our form of government. The leaflet, in attempting to show how outmoded American democracy is, observes:

"It seems that America's last peaceful stand against the forces of corruption, war mongering, and internationalism was made in the national election of 1940 -- the true patriots then lost when misguided voters returned to power the international, pro-Jewish, and pro-Britain New Deal."

According to The American Guard, our present method of electing representatives by democratic vote must be immediately discarded. To prove the urgent need for such action, the Guard cites certain "interesting quotations," taken from the "authoritative" literature of "an anti-Asiatic and anti-Jewish organization." A portion of these quotations follows:

"History records no nation that freed itself by voting ... The past is one long protest against the ballot as an instrument of reformation."

"Let us be frank. The hour has come for men to lay aside the mask and look each other in the face. Would you be free? Would you see class despotism at an end? Would you see the shackles stricken forever from the limbs of humanity? Do you believe that this can come through the ballot? No, you do not!"

There is a marked similarity between these statements and those of Father Coughlin, who has declared it may soon be necessary to use bullets in place of ballots.

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FIFTH COLUMN CAMPAIGN AGAINST DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

A concerted propaganda attack is being launched by U. S. Fifth Columnists against the concept of democracy. The demand of The American Guard of Boston that this country rid itself of the democratic vote (see page 3 of this issue) is being echoed by every fascist band and every petty fueshrer in the Country. Typical of the latter is Robert Edward Edmondson, key pamphleteer of the American Quislings. In his latest bulletin, entitled "Looking Ahead Politically," Mr. Edmondson summarizes his contempt for the democratic form of government in remarks like the following:

"Democracy gives birth to dictatorship because the mob is inherently incapable of self-government. ...

"Democracy in all its Internationalist subversions of National Patriotism ... To be PRO-American Republic is automatically to be ANTI-Democracy. ...

"The American Republic has stood unalterably for the Principles of Personal Security and Private Enterprise ... whereas Democracy demands that the Will of the Majority shall prevail without recourse. Out with Democracy! ...
ON WITH THE FIGHT!"

Mr. Edmondson proposes that a regular "fighting body" be organized to conduct the battle against American democracy. He even selects a leader for his army:

"Col. Charles Augustus Lindbergh is a true patriot. He has always spoken for America first. He knows his own country from coast to coast, and he knows Europe by personal contact. ... He has a clear-cold brain, youth, strength and determination; and he has the confidence of certain men of standing. Vicious New Dealer attacks on Col. Lindbergh proves that he knows The Truth; and I believe that, if he took leadership, he would go through with it."

This campaign is by no means limited to the "lunatic fringe" of the American fascist movement. Lawrence Dennis, pseudo-intellectual patrioter and "brains" of the U. S. Fifth Column, asserts, " ... let me say categorically that I do not believe in democracy"; he vigorously urges that we turn over our government to the "elite," of whom Mr. Dennis is of course a member. Merwin K. Hart travels about the country explaining that "it is time to brush aside this word democracy with its connotations."

As the saying goes, nothing succeeds like success. In his rise to power, Hitler used such slogans as: "Democracy is the work of Satan; Aristocracy, or Dictatorship, is the work of God!" Edmondson, Dennis and Co. think that by transplanting der Fuehrer's technique, they may duplicate his achievements.

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